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<b>In re U.S. Patent Application of</b>	)	
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<b>For: OPTICAL MEASUREMENT DEVICE</b>	)	
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<b>Attorney Docket No. NIPP.0001</b>	)	

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of this application filed in connection with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please amend the application as follows: